



Erdington The Ton **and Saltley!**

Hardwork - Integrity - Fun

Erdington and Saltley

VS.

Solihull

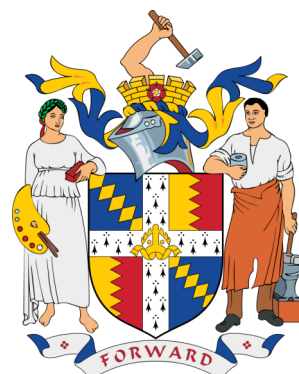
Saturday 14th November 2015

Representative Match

Heartlands Academy, Nechells



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WMSFA

Seven - a - side Cup

Runners-up

Saturday 7th November 2015 @ Wednesfield High School, Wolverhampton

Team: Rob, Sam, Kye, Kane ©, Rio, Samim, Cameron and Tion

Group Stage:

Erdington and Saltley 3 – 0 East Birmingham

Wolverhampton 1 – 0 Walsall

Erdington and Saltley 2 – 0 Wolverhampton

Walsall 4 – 1 East

Erdington and Saltley 1 – 0 Walsall

Wolverhampton 3 – 1 East

Knock-out Stage:

Semi-finals

Erdington and Saltley 1 – 0 Solihull

Sutton Coldfield 1 – 0 Wolves

Final

Erdington and Saltley 0 – 1 Sutton Coldfield



On a terrible morning weather wise, The Ton created history by finishing as runners-up in the West Midlands Schools FA 7-a-side. Although I couldn't be there on the morning due to school commitments, I spent all morning looking at my phone, receiving updates from a number of people!

After making it through the group stage as the only team with a 100% record, the boys took on Solihull for a place in the final. With seconds left on the clock, Yenton midfielder Tion popped up with a late goal to earn the lads a place in the final. After taking on Sutton Coldfield in the BPSFA 6-a-side final earlier in the season, the lads knew they'd have to be at their best to end the morning as champs. However despite creating a number of chances and playing some great football, they couldn't find the goal needed and suffered the cruellest of defeats at the hands of a late Sutton goal.

Nevertheless the lads should be incredibly proud of their efforts. No Ton team has ever made it out of the group stage, let alone all the way to the final. Football can be very cruel and yesterday certainly was. To go all morning without conceding a goal, before letting one in during the last minute of the final is most certainly cruel. However as I said, we should be nothing but proud. I've spoken to a number of parents and teachers who were present and all have been unanimous in their praise of the boys and the football that they played! Well done lads, that's something to be proud about! We're blessed with a great team spirit this season and an amazing work ethic. These two things will take us very far this season. Keep your heads up lads and dust yourselves off, it's Solihull on Saturday!

A huge congratulations must go to Sutton Coldfield who will make great champions! I've got a feeling this won't be the last time that we meet our near neighbours for silverware this season. Well done lads, good luck in the Midlands finals later in the season.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents for their wonderful support in terrible conditions! It's not just the lads that makes this team so special, it's the parents too!

Man of the Match – All of the team!

Up The Ton!



ESPSFA

Represent Brum **BPSFA** vs. Leeds



Saturday 31st October 2015 @ Birmingham City FC, Wast Hills

Birmingham A 5-1 Leeds A

Birmingham B 1 – 1 Leeds B

With six lads called up to play for the city, The Ton were well represented as the BPSFA team played their annual match against Leeds for the Bernard Day Memorial Cup.

The boys didn't fail to impress and The Ton influence was stamped all over the 5-1 win. Troy bagged himself a brace of goals and Cameron smashed in a stunner of his own. Kane captained the team and put in a man of the match performance, whilst Rio caused chaos down the right wing and then the left. In defence Kye made the fullback position his own, with Sam doing what he has done all season, being exceptionally hard to get past!

Overall the team were incredible, and the contribution of the five Sutton Coldfield boys and Jhadell from Harborne were equally impressive. Well done boys, you did your city proud!



The Ton

Hit Aston For Six

10/10/15

Saturday 10th October 2015 @ Handsworth Grammar School

Aston 0 – 6 Erdington and Saltley

Team: Rob, Sam, Ilani, Kye, Kane, Tion, Oakley, Rio, Troy, Taylor and Harvey

Goals: Troy x 2, Tion, Harvey, Kane and Oakley

When the fixture list for the season is first published, my focus is immediately drawn to the date of the Aston game. As a teacher who works in Aston, it's the game that I look forward to most. Plus it's a local derby and more often than not, a number of our players play for the same Sunday league team as their players.

Over the years we've had some real mammoth games, with last minute goals, warring brothers (Tyrese played for Erdington and Saltley during 2013-15, whilst his brother Gio played for Aston) and penalty shoot out victories in cup semi-finals. Today's game was less dramatic when compared to these past encounters, however that doesn't mean it wasn't memorable! In fact we'll all remember today's game as the match when the 2015/16 team clicked into place nicely and hit top form!

The Aston boys should hold their heads up high because they gave it everything that they had and never let their team down. It was just unfortunate for them that The Ton were in imperious form.

The first third finished 0-0, but it wasn't for the lack of efforts created by our boys. After the first twenty minutes we stressed to the boys the need to stay patient and keep moving the ball around at pace.

This is exactly what they did and the goals eventually came their way. The first was scored by Troy, after the Marsh Hill striker spun on the edge of the box and lashed home an unstoppable shot. After this the goals continued to come at regular intervals. Next up was Harvey who burst into the box from the right hand side of the pitch and finished low to the keeper's left. Before long it was Tion's turn to get in on the action, with the Yenton midfielder scoring a header from close range.

The final third saw another three goals come, with Troy again in on the action! It was then Oakley's turn to get his name on the score sheet and in doing so he became the second Marsh Hill pupil to find his shooting boots. The final goal deservedly went to Kane, as the Hodge Hill midfielder scored a peach of a goal.

Parents from both sides commented on the quality of our football and how it was a joy to watch. This is something that I want to echo! In all my years of being involved in district football, this was the greatest performance that I've seen. We now have to make sure that we push on and improve on today's showing. This won't be easy but it has to be our aim as development and improvement are central to everything that we do.

Well done boys, you should be proud of your performance today!

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Under 10s

Show their class **Twelve** Undeclared!

Saturday 24th October 2015

BPSFA Under 10s Festival @ Heartlands Academy

Golds: Gerard, Taylor, Blessing, Ilani, Cameron E, Kian, Che and William

Goals – Kian x 1, Blessing x 1, Che x 2, Ilani x 2, William x 1, Cameron x 1, Taylor x 1

Played 6, Won 3 and Drew 3

Black and Whites: Rob, Sam, Cameron P, Tiarno, Carter, Bobby, Danny, Bradley and Eddie

Eddie x 3, Cameron P x 7, Tiarno x 3,

Played 6, Won 5 and Drew 1

This is less of a match report and more of a reflection as I don't have the memory required to piece together all of the action from the 12 games!

The fact that the lads ended the morning as the only unbeaten district is something to be rightly proud of, although the manner in which we achieved this is the thing to be most proud of.

Throughout the morning we played exciting football which constantly showed how intelligent the lads are as footballers. The 'dirty' stuff was there too, with all of the boys working their socks off and giving it their very best, but that's a given anyway! When they had the ball they looked to attack with pace and guile, producing passages of 9 and 10 passes from the defenders to the attackers.

Highlights of the morning are plentiful but here are a few:

- The debut of under 9 Bobby – the Broadmeadow midfielder came highly recommended by good friend Wayne from Bromford Lions and did not look out of place! It also means we've now got four incredibly talented under 9 players as Aidan, Resharne and Reece were all absent due to Aston Villa commitments but will return to the fold.
- The example set to the u10s by Cameron P, Sam and Rob – playing with the younger boys meant this trio had to lead by example and this is exactly what they did. Well done lads!
- The style of football played – as mentioned above, the lads played great football and show signs that they're developing as a unit
- Our defence and keepers – both teams only conceded a single goal and this came when The Ton played The Ton!

So the overriding feeling that we left with was one of immense pride and excitement! What a great bunch of kids and what a team they're developing into. The hard work has to continue if we're to get close to achieving anything near what the under 11s have over the past three seasons, but this is something that we know they're more than capable of. This is just the start!



THE TON

Defeat Leeds PSFA **Up The TON!**



Friday 30th October 2015 @ Sir Jack Hayward Training Ground, Wolverhampton

Erdington and Saltley 2-1 Leeds

Team: Rob, Taylor, Kye, Tamiel, Harvey, Blessing, Ilani, Tion, Oakley, Samim, Pharrelle, Cameron E, Camperon P and Diago

Scorers: Samim and Pharrelle

With six lads called up to play Leeds the next day for Birmingham Primary Schools, Friday saw this very talented squad grow further in stature, in a season in which they continue to go from strength to strength. This is arguably our biggest ever win, against the biggest ever district that we've played. We might only have 45 schools to pick from but my word there's some talent in those 45 schools!

Tamiel came in to the squad to make his 9-a-side bow, whilst four of the under 10s stepped up, making a mockery of the fact that they were at least a year younger than their opponents.

The first twenty minutes started brightly with Tion pulling the strings in the centre of midfield, supported expertly by under 10s captain Ilani. Up front Samim was a bag of tricks and a welcome addition to the team, having not played since scoring a goal in the final game of the Bath International Cup in August. The Birches Green wizard tied the Leeds defenders up in all sorts of knots and was rewarded with a goal, after expertly finishing a brilliant Tion through-ball.

The second twenty saw the four under 10s take centre stage – Blessing slotted in to the right of defence, Taylor was a rock at the heart of the back three, Ilani continued to marshal the midfield like a young Patrick Vieira and Cameron E used his blistering pace to reap havoc down the wing. Despite giving Leeds the advantage in terms of age, the boys played some breathtaking football and retained possession brilliantly. With Samim now on the left and Cameron P up front, the Leeds defence were given no rest and on another day Cameron P could have doubled our lead, shooting narrowly wide after Samim and Tion linked up brilliantly, before Ilani slid the Gunter shooter in on goal. Despite our great play going forward, Leeds were still very much in the game and continued to attack us at every opportunity. Fortunately the back three of Diago, Blessing and Taylor were more than a match for our northern rivals, with the latter winning every ball in the air!

The final twenty minutes brought with it more goals and plenty more excitement. Bursting down the wing, Kye crossed the sweetest of balls which was met by Pharrelle, who doubled our lead with a bullet header. It was no less than we deserved and just like the second twenty, we could have scored again, with Pharrelle, Samim and Tion coming close with chances. As with all good teams, Leeds refused to lie down and got back in the game when their striker smashed a rebound past Rob, who could do nothing about the effort. So strong have the boys been defensively this season that that goal was only the third conceded in the past nine 9-a-side games. It's not all about the attackers!

The final whistle was a cue for Ton celebrations and rightly so. The boys stepped up a level on Friday and showed that there's great depth to our ranks. We're blessed to have this group of lads to work with and if they continue to work their socks off, there's no limit to what they could achieve.

A massive thank you to Bob Brown and the rest of the guys at Wolverhampton Wanderers FC for their support and hospitality, as well as to Ian and Wolverhampton Schools for their invite. Finally thank you and well done to Leeds. All of their boys were hard working and good mannered, the two things that I always demand from my boys. They were a credit to their great city and we wish them the best of luck for the rest of the season.

Man of the Match – It was close. Very Close. Tion captained the district for the first time and was immense. Samim slotted back into the team like he had never been away. However Taylor pips it, after refusing to be beat all game!

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Statistics

LEAGUE TABLE

Fixtures

Results

BPSFA 9-a-side League								
District	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Sutton Coldfield	3	3	0	0	24	5	19	9
Erdington and Saltley	3	3	0	0	18	1	17	9
Harborne	3	1	0	2	11	17	-6	3
Aston	3	1	0	2	3	15	-12	3
East Birmingham	4	0	0	4	3	21	-18	0

BPSFA RESULTS	Ast	E&S	East	Har	Sut
Aston	x	x	x	x	x
Erdington and Saltley	6~0	x	x	x	x
East Birmingham	1~3	1~3	x	x	x
Harborne	*	0~9	6~1	x	x
Sutton	8~0	*	9~0	7~5	x

Upcoming Fixtures	
Nov 21st	U11s vs. Sutton Coldfield
Nov 28th	U10s BPSFA Festival
Dec 12th	U11s Winter Cup Final U11s vs. Sutton Coldfield

Latest Cup Information
The u11s have been drawn against the winners of Wolverhampton vs. Derby, as we look to defend our West Midlands Schools FA Cup.

U11s Goals	
Kane	15
Troy	7
Rio	6
Pharelle	5
Cameron E	3
Oakley	3

U10s Goals	
Blessing	6
Cameron E	5
Ilani	5
William	4
Eddie	3
Tiarno	3



Squads:

UNDER 11s Girls

Under 10s

Under 11s	
Kane	Hodge Hill
Sam	Marsh Hill
Kye	St. Barnabas
Ilani	Yenton
Diago	Osborne
Harvey	Heathlands
Oakley	Marsh Hill
Samim	Birches Green
Tion	Yenton
Rio	Birches Green
Cameron	Gunter
Blessing	Court Farm
Pharelle	Abbey
Taylor	Coleborne
Troy	Marsh Hill
Cameron	Marsh Hill
Tamiel	Short Heath
Jakeel	Yenton
Rob (GK)	Gunter

Girls	
Amy	Brookvale
Anaya	Abbey
Callie	Gunter
Fahima	Gunter
Grace	St. Barnabas
Isobel	Abbey
Jema	Hodge Hill
Kiera	Gunter
Latesha	Gunter
Lauren	Abbey
Lois	Abbey
Macie	Brookvale
Melia	Coleborne
Natalya	St. Wilfred's
Remi	St. Mary and St. John
Sasha	St. Wilfred's
Taija	St. Clement's
Tiah	Featherstone

Under 10s	
Brad (GK)	Oval
Gerard (GK)	Abbey
Taylor	Colborne
Ilani	Yenton
Bradley	Brookvale
Eddie	Paget
William	Abbey
Kian	Gunter
Reece	St. Mary and St. John
Tiarno	St. Clement's
Cameron	Marsh Hill
Resharne	Brookvale
Danny	Gunter
Blessing	Court Farm
Carter	St. Wilfred's
Che	Featherstone



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